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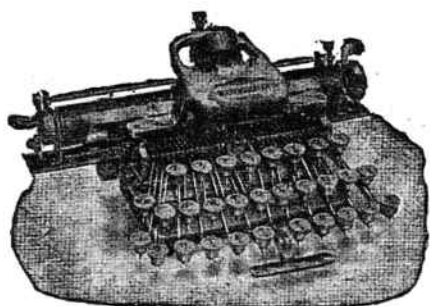
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BRITAIN WINNING OVER U-BOATS

Hard Hit With America's Aid, Says Lloyd George.

FOOD SITUATION IMPROVED

Last Few Weeks Have Witnessed the Greatest Success of War in Combating German Submarines.

David Lloyd George, the premier, announced in the house of commons that more effective blows had been dealt against submarines in the last three weeks than during any corresponding period of the war.

He paid a tribute to the assistance rendered by the American navy, saying:

"We owe a very considerable debt of gratitude to the great American people for the effective assistance they have rendered and the craft they have placed at our disposal. Now that the American nation is in the war it is easier to make arrangements for the protection of our mercantile marine than it was before."

The premier's statement on submarine warfare was altogether the most satisfactory heard in England for many months.

"It is much more difficult," he said, "for me to give a public answer on this than on any other topic. It is very difficult for me to give information without to a certain extent revealing things which we had better keep to ourselves. All I can say is that we are making substantial progress."

"I think the nation," Lloyd George continued, "has very good reason to congratulate itself upon the substantial and I may say unexpectedly early, improvement in dealing with the submarine menace."

Turning to the food supply, he said:

"There is a distinct improvement in our food prospects as the result of the improvement in the submarine situation. It is very difficult to give a favorable answer which would not be misleading. If I were to say there is no danger of starvation of the people I would be saying 'What's the good of cutting up our grass land and what's the good of rationing?'"

"The people must not rush from one extreme to another. We must appeal to the common sense of the nation."

"I see that the Germans are depending mainly on submarine warfare for success. All I can say is that if that is their main hope of success it is doomed to disappointment."

"I say it with a full sense of responsibility and on behalf of the government, after full consideration of the whole facts. That does not mean that the people need not economize, that farmers need not plough their land."

"It means that if everyone does his duty the German hope of triumph in the war, based on submarines, is the greatest miscalculation in the whole series of miscalculations of that fatal empire. If everyone does his duty patriotically, each in his own way, to the common stock, then I say the submarine is not going to defeat us."

UNIFORMS FROM CANADA

Several Thousand Complete U. S. Outfits for Pershing's Men.

That America's first contingent of troops to leave the United States in command of Major General Pershing will be clothed in Canadian uniforms was the declaration made by a Canadian staff officer in Detroit.

Several thousand complete uniforms the officer said, even to caps, were recently shipped to the United States army department, from London, Ont., which is headquarters for No. 1 military district in Canada. Only lack of equipment prevented the American government, the officer said, from sending more men to France than would be commanded by General Pershing.

The statements were made after the officer was asked why he considered the United States government had planned to allow so much time to elapse between registration of men eligible for military service and the summoning of the first half million soldiers by the selective draft.

"Simply because the United States government is out of equipment," the officer replied. "Even the division to be sent to France under General Pershing will wear Canadian uniforms, caps, puttees and everything complete."

Traitors Mar War Posters.

Police and marine corps recruiting officers in New York began an investigation to find out who is responsible for pasting recruiting posters with strips of paper bearing the inscription "To hell with the United States." Posters in various parts of the city have been torn down, but the appearance of this inscription pasted on them in one part of the city aroused the authorities. Detectives are trying to locate the printing establishment where the strips were printed.

\$75,000,000 More to Britain.

Another loan of \$75,000,000 was made to Great Britain by the United States. This brings the total loaned to that nation thus far to \$400,000,000. Loans to all the allies total \$745,000,000.

WU TING FANG

Former Minister to U. S. Now Chinese Premier.



Photo by American Press Association.

SINKS SPANISH SHIP

133 Are Drowned When U-Boat Torpedoes Steamer.

Forty-eight passengers and eighty-five members of the crew of the Spanish steamship Elizaguirre are believed to have perished as a result of the sinking of the vessel.

A despatch received by Reuters' Telegram company, the date of origin of which has not been made public, reports the loss of the Elizaguirre. The despatch says that, according to the second officer, the steamship sank in five minutes.

He was awakened by a great noise and rushed to the deck and tried to get passengers into his boat, but the boat was swept away and almost simultaneously the ship broke in half. He saw no other boats afloat except that in which he and the other survivors made their escape from the steamship.

Those in the boat had a miraculous escape, rowing for many hours in heavy seas during foul weather. They were dressed in the scantiest of attire and were compelled ceaselessly to bail the boat. Among the forty-eight passengers missing, is the Spanish consul at Colombo, Ceylon.

A despatch from Madrid says Marquis Prieto, the Spanish premier, announced the sinking of the Spanish steamship Begonia of 2862 tons.

A despatch from the Faroe Islands says that a German submarine has sunk six Faroe fishing boats on the banks south of the islands. About thirty fishermen are missing.

MARTIAL LAW IN STORM ZONE

Illinois Militia Takes Charge in Mattoon, Ill., Where 100 Were Killed.

The state militia is in charge of Mattoon, Ill., and the surrounding country trying to bring order out of chaos caused by a tornado which killed more than 100 persons, seriously injured 300, levelled 100 blocks of buildings here and did hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of damage to the surrounding country.

Many of these injured both here and in other places will die, and it is believed the death list will reach 200.

Every available vehicle in the city is in service carrying the dead and injured to hospitals, churches and other public places thrown open to them. Mattoon was in complete darkness during the night except for hundreds of lanterns carried by volunteer rescue workers, and not until daylight was the extent of the damage realized.

The funnel shaped cloud of the tornado was so sudden in its appearance that before persons in the streets could seek safety a district on the northern side of the city, two miles long and about four blocks wide, had been laid in ruins. Hundreds of families are homeless.

Special trains bearing physicians and nurses came from neighboring cities to aid in rescue work. Many of the injured were struck by wreckage which filled the air for several minutes after the storm had passed.

SMOKE BOMBS PROTECT SHIPS

On Striking Water They Ignite, Throwing Cloud Around Vessel.

Smoke bombs, designed to protect merchant vessels from submarine attacks are now being used on vessels passing through the war zone.

This information was brought to an American port by a French ship.

The bombs are thrown by hand. On striking the water they ignite and throw out a dense cloud of black vapor which hangs low over the water like fog. They will burn for more than an hour and are said to be effective in screening the movements of a vessel in danger of attack.

Kills Snake Eating Goose Eggs.

The largest pine snake killed near Mays Landing, N. J., was despatched by Edward Hannum, at Em'ville. It measured seven feet, four inches. Hannum had been missing goose eggs from his coops and was surprised to find the snake coiled up near the nest helping himself to the eggs.

Mines Now Sell Coal Dust.

Demand for anthracite coal is so great that even what is known as the "dust" is being sold. The fine dirt, too small for sale as rice coal, is finding a market for use in the manufacture of briquettes.

SMASH WAY THROUGH LINES

The Italian Drive Goes On Unchecked.

RETAIN GRIP ON GAINS

General Cadorna's Forces Reach Medeazza and Also Carry Heights at Head of Palliova Valley.

Italian troops smashed through the Austro-Hungarian positions between Jamaino and the Gulf of Trieste, passing the Montefalco-Duino railway northeast of San Giovanni, and establishing themselves within a few hundred yards of Medeazza.

North of Plava the Italians carried the heights at the head of the Palliova valley, thus joining their main Cucco lines with those on Hill 363. Eleven guns were captured and more than 1200 Austro-Hungarians were taken prisoner. These victories were announced by the Italian war department.

The text of the statement reads:

"During the fourth of the furious battle on the Cucco the positions occupied on the southern part of the plateau were extended by the untiring efforts of our troops. The positions already captured in the other sectors were firmly maintained."

"An artillery action all along the line continued fiercely from sunrise until evening. In the afternoon between the coast and Jamaino our infantry by a brilliant assault succeeded in reaching a point beyond the railway from Montefalco to Duino, northeast of San Giovanni, and carried the strongly fortified Hill 745 southwest of Medeazza. They established themselves a few hundred yards from the village. During this action some of our infantry reached the enemy's guns, capturing a field battery of ten guns with ammunition and 512 prisoners, including thirty-four officers."

"North of Jamaino violent attacks and counter attacks followed in succession all day supported by artillery fire."

"Castagnavizza also was reached and passed, but the persistent and concentrated shelling by a number of enemy batteries compelled us to evacuate ground there. We maintained a hold on the western boundary."

"In the area east and north of Gorizia the artillery action was intense. We shelled the basins of Gargaro and Britovio with which the enemy supplies Centros."

"In the Plava sector infantry of the Udine brigade and the ninety-fifth and ninety-sixth regiments brilliantly carried the heights at the head of the Palliova valley, thus connecting our main Cucco lines with those on Hill 363. They took 433 prisoners, including two officers and one gun, two trench mortars and seven machine guns."

"The act of congress, however, exempts from military service under this law such registered persons as are:

"1. Officials of the legislative, executive and judicial departments of the United States government, the state government, the territorial government and the District of Columbia."

"2. Regularly or duly ordained ministers of religion, students who are at this time preparing for the ministry in recognized theological or divinity schools."

"3. All persons now in the military and naval service of the United States."

"4. Members of any well-recognized religious sect or organization at present organized and existing and whose existing creed or principles forbids its members to participate in war in any form and whose religious convictions are against war or participation therein in accordance with the creed or principles of said religious organizations; but no person so exempted shall be exempted from service in any capacity that the president shall declare to be non-combatant."

Transport Sunk, 413 Perish.

The British transport Transylvania was torpedoed on May 4, with the loss of 413 persons.

The torpedoing occurred in the Mediterranean.

The official statement gives the losses as follows:

Twenty-nine officers and 373 men of other ranks, the ship's captain, Lieutenant S. Frenell, and one officer and nine men of the crew.

Kills His Son-in-Law.

Reuben Cole, seventy years old, of Hickory Hill, near West Chester, Pa., shot and wounded his son-in-law, John McGinnis, at the home of the latter. McGinnis died in the hospital at Oxford, Cole attempted suicide by taking poison before his arrest. He is ill. The shooting was the outcome of a family quarrel.

Labor Bureau in Pos' Offices.

Postmasters have been instructed by the postmaster general to permit the display in their offices of notices of laborers wanted or of work wanted by laborers.

Miners Accept Arrangement.

The central Pennsylvania miners, in session at DuBois, accepted the Washington agreement by a vote of 113 to 49, thus averting a strike of 75,000 miners.

Team Brings \$1300 in Sweden.

The average price for teams of work horses at an auction just held in Linsping, Sweden, was \$1300, and good single-harness animals brought \$675.

Three Children Die in Fire.

Three children (the oldest ten years) of James Nardo were burned to death when their home in West Pittston, near Scranton, Pa., was destroyed by fire. The children, all boys, were asleep on the second floor. Nardo, his wife and three smaller children, sleeping on the first floor, had narrow escapes.

ALL WITHIN DRAFT AGE TO REGISTER

Governor Urges All Liable to Service to Respond.

ELECTION OFFICERS TO AID

Complete and Accurate Conscription Count is Aim of State, Brumbaugh Says in Proclamation.

Governor Brumbaugh's proclamation calls on all male citizens of the state liable under the conscription regulations to enroll on June 5.

It follows:

"To all Members of the State and Local Committees of Public Safety in Pennsylvania."

"In complying with the direction of the president of the United States, I beg to advise you that on June 5, 1917, all male residents of this commonwealth between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, both inclusive, must present themselves at their several registration places for enrollment under the act of congress approved May 18, 1917, and in conformity with the proclamation of the president under same date."

"June 5, 1917, will thus become a day of transcendent importance. The registration then to be taken must be complete and accurate. Pennsylvania, because of her commanding place in the roster of states, must perform this service in the most patriotic manner. Full explanations will issue from the governor, who is charged with this duty by the national authorities. It will be his purpose to plan with precision and speed for this great service."

"The machinery created by law will promptly be set in action. But the executive is most anxious to have in this great task the co-operation and assistance of all and of each member of the state and local committees of public safety."

"I have been asked by many people what exemptions are to be made by the national government in the matter of the act of congress of May 18, 1917. Registration has been confused with conscription, and that the minds of all may be informed, I hereby state:

"1. All male citizens between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, both years inclusive, must register on June fifth next. There are no exceptions to this whatever. All races, all creeds and conditions must alike conform to this act of congress and present themselves for registration at their several voting precincts on the day named above."

"2. Following this registration, the president will take such steps as he may deem wise to enroll in the army and navy, such registered persons as he may deem necessary."

"The act of congress, however, exempts from military service under this law such registered persons as are:

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GENERAL VON LUDENDORFF

German Strategist Felled by Allies.



Photo by American Press Association.

According to a German officer, wounded and captured at Vimy ridge, General von Ludendorff, the master strategist of the German general staff, had intended retiring the whole western line another fifty miles, but the allied attack on the turning points prevented the maneuver.

75 Atlanta Blocks Burned.

Atlanta, Ga., went actively to work to care for the destitute people from three thousand homes destroyed in a fire that raged throughout seventy-five blocks.

It was stopped only after the dynamiting of beautiful homes on Ponce de Leon avenue. The property loss was estimated at \$3,000,000 by Mayor Candler, who declared that his estimate was conservative. Other estimates ran as high as \$5,000,000.

Estimates were that from 10,000 to 15,000 persons are homeless.

The fire started in a warehouse on Decatur and Fort streets, and drove first due north and then northeast, at some points a block wide and at times half a mile in width. It crossed Ponce de Leon avenue at one point and swept down the Boulevard, Ponce de Leon avenue, the burned area extended from North Jackson street, some seven blocks east of Peachtree street, the principal business section, almost to the base ball park.

It was the greatest fire in Atlanta's history since civil war days, when General Sherman decreed it be burned. In property loss and hardships it was even greater. The city that General Sherman destroyed had only 10,000 inhabitants.

Destitute persons from the burned area, which included negroes' homes and costly residences of white people, were cared for by the local Red Cross and the Associated Charities.

Only one person is known to have died as a result of the fire. Mrs. Besse Hodges died of shock after her home was destroyed.

Sentry Falls Under Train.

Eugene Seltzer, a private in Company E, Fifth Maryland regiment, Baltimore, who was guarding a western Maryland railroad bridge, near Williamsport, Md., was run over by a train, from which he was dismounting. He is in a serious condition.

Two Guardsmen Drowned.

Corporal Robert Alvord, twenty-two years old, and Private Norman Snee, twenty-seven years old, both members of Company K, N. G. P., of Scranton, were drowned in the Lehigh river, near Easton, Pa., when a canoe in which they were paddling upset. The bodies were recovered.

Beach Bathing by Electric Light.

Powerful electric lights are to be installed along the beach front at Atlantic City, N. J., so that it will be possible to have night ocean bathing. W. Frank Sooy, director of public safety, is making arrangements to that end. The beach will be formally "unlocked" on Memorial day.

Gets 39 Years for Murder.

William Sutton colored, was sentenced in Trenton, N. J., to thirty-nine years in prison for the murder of his wife. He entered a plea of non-vult.

GENERAL MARKETS

PHILADELPHIA.—FLOUR—Firm. Straight, \$13.25@13.85; city mills, \$15.75@16.25.

RYE FLOUR—Quiet; per barrel, \$11@12.50.

WHEAT—Nominal.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 yellow, \$1.80@1.81.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, \$9@9.1c.

POULTRY—Live, steady; hens, 23@24c; old roosters, 16@17c. Dressed, steady; choice fowls, 25½c; old roosters, 19c.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy creamery, 42c per lb.

EGGS—Firm; selected, 42@43c; nearby, 36½c; western, 36½c.

Live Stock Quotations.

CHICAGO.—HOGS—Steady to strong. Mixed and butchers, \$15.75@16.45; good heavy, \$16.15@16.50; rough, \$15.10@16.10; light, \$15.15@16.35; pigs, \$12.25@14.00; bulk, \$15.90@16.45.

CATTLE—Steady. Beefers, \$9@13.70; cows and heifers, \$8.50@12; stockers and feeders, \$8@10.40; T. x. ans, \$10.75@12; calves, \$12.75@14.75.

SHEEP—10@15c higher. Native and western, \$10.50@16.25; lambs, \$15@20.40.